

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2622, Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act.

The House passed H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003.

The House passed H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations for fiscal year 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13947–S14081

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1820–1828, S.J. Res. 23 and S. Res. 259. **Pages S14031–32**

Measures Reported:

S. 1669, to reauthorize the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. (S. Rept. No. 108–186)

S. 1627, to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 108–187) **Page S14031**

Measures Passed:

Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and by 95 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 437), Senate passed the bill, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1753, Senate companion measure, as amended. **Pages S13980–94**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Shelby, Bennett, Allard, Enzi, Sarbanes, Dodd, and Johnson. **Page S13994**

Subsequently, S. 1753 was returned to the Senate Calendar. **Page S13994**

Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 259, to authorize legal representation in Bell Aviation, Inc., et al. v. Sino Swearingen Aircraft Co., L.P., et. al. **Pages S14032**

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Act: Senate passed H.R. 1442, to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S14075**

Bennett (for Thomas) Amendment No. 2113, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14075**

Homeland Security Federal Workforce Act: Senate passed S. 589, to strengthen and improve the management of national security, encourage Government service in areas of critical national security, and to assist government agencies in addressing deficiencies in personnel possessing specialized skills important to national security and incorporating the goals and strategies for recruitment and retention for such skilled personnel into the strategic and performance management systems of Federal agencies, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S14075–76**

Bennett (for Collins) Amendment No. 2114, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14076**

Agriculture Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2673, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2072, in the nature of a substitute. (Amendment, as agreed to, will be considered original text for the purpose of further amendment.) **Page S13954**

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2084, to provide that statements made by the Chairman and/or Ranking Member of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, and colloquies engaging the Chairman and/or Ranking Member of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, given on the Senate Floor or submitted for the Record during Senate consideration of this Act shall be deemed part of Senate Committee Report 108–107 for purposes of conference with the House of Representatives. **Pages S13971–72**

Akaka Amendment No. 2088, to restrict funding for the approval for human consumption of meat produced from downed animals. **Pages S13997–98, S14000**

By 57 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 439), Cantwell Amendment No. 2087, to prohibit energy market manipulation. **Pages S13998–S14001**

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2091, to provide for an increase in the Food Stamp Program. **Page S14005**

Bennett (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2092, to prohibit funds to be made available to promote the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco products. **Pages S14005–06**

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2093, relative to nuclear affected islands. **Page S14006**

Bennett (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2094, to provide a freeze in the Alaska/Hawaii Food Stamp Program. **Page S14006**

Bennett (for Snowe/Dorgan) Amendment No. 2095, to modify the boundaries of certain empowerment zone designations. **Page S14006**

Bennett (for Levin/Stabenow) Amendment No. 2096, to prohibit the use of funds to issue or to implement the proposed rule on cost-sharing for animal and plant health emergency programs. **Page S14007**

Bennett (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2097, relative to rural community advancement program eligibility. **Page S14007**

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2098, to define the term “eligible rural community.” **Page S14007**

Bennett (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2099, to designate any portion of the County of Honolulu as a rural area or eligible rural community. **Page S14007**

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2100, relative to the Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities pools. **Page S14007**

Bennett (for Kohl) Amendment No. 2101, to allow all Community Facility Program facility borrowers and grantees to enter into contracts with not-

for-profit third parties for services consistent with the requirements of the Program. **Page S14007**

Bennett (for Brownback) Amendment No. 2102, to provide for four flood control structures in Marmaton, Kansas. **Pages S14007–08**

Bennett Amendment No. 2103, relative to the processing worker demo pilot project. **Page S14008**

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2104, to make a technical correction to the rural economic development loans and grants program. **Page S14008**

Bennett (for Grassley/Dorgan) Amendment No. 2105, to limit payments under the environmental quality incentives program. **Page S14008**

Bennett (for Craig) Amendment No. 2106, to facilitate cooperative agreements for wildlife services programs of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the Department of Agriculture. **Pages S14008–09**

Bennett (for Graham (FL)/Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 2107, to make a technical amendment to ensure that assistance is provided for tree replacement for losses due to citrus canker. **Page S14009**

Bennett (for Burns/Clinton) Amendment No. 2108, to permit the use of certain unobligated carry-over funds to carry out the 911 access loan program. **Page S14009**

Bennett (for Durbin) Amendment No. 2109, to insert a provision relating to funding the processing of comments in response to a Federal Register item concerning ephedra. **Page S14009**

Bennett (for Schumer) Amendment No. 2110, to ensure that amounts are made available for the generic drugs program. **Page S14009**

Bennett (for Miller) Amendment No. 2111, to restrict the expenditure of funds for the salary of the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. **Pages S14009**

Bennett (for Frist/Daschle) Amendment No. 2112, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish university-based research, extension, and educational programs to implement biobased energy technologies, products, and economic diversification in rural areas of the United States. **Pages S14009–11**

Bennett (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2090, to specify a minimum level of funding for regulation of dietary supplements. **Pages S14011–12**

Rejected:

By 41 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 436), Feinstein Amendment No. 2083, to improve the operation of energy markets. **Pages S13961–71, S13972–80**

Pending:

Bennett/Kohl Amendment No. 2073, of a technical nature. **Pages S13955–57**

Specter Amendment No. 2080, to limit the use of funds to allocate the rate of price support between the purchase prices for nonfat dry milk and butter

in a manner that does not support the price of milk at the rate prescribed by law. **Page S13997**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 440), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 502(c)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95, Congressional Budget Resolution, with respect to the emergency designation provision in Dayton Amendment No. 2089, to provide emergency disaster assistance to agricultural producers. Subsequently, a point of order that the emergency designation provision would violate section 502(c)(5) of H. Con. Res. 95 was sustained and the provision was stricken. Also, the Chair sustained a point order that the amendment would exceed the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation and the amendment thus falls.

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Senate expects to continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, November 6, 2003.

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and Protocol to Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Treaty Doc. No. 108–10).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination of William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 6, 2003, with 60 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the second motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 438), Roger W. Titus, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James M. Loy, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Laurie Susan Fulton, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

Peter G. Sheridan, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

William S. Duffey, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—440)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:14 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 6, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14077.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held open and closed hearings to examine aviation security, focusing on efforts to measure effectiveness and address challenges, after receiving testimony from Stephen McHale, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Penrose A. Albright, Assistant Secretary, Plans Programs, Budgets, Science and Technology Directorate, William Parrish, Acting Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection, all of the Department of Homeland Security; and Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, General Accounting Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust